

ITALY HAS INVITED U. S. SESSIONS OF ALLIED NATIONS WILL BEGIN MONDAY.

Washington, April 17—Italy, through Ambassador Avezana, has invited the United States to send a representative to the allied conference at San Remo and Secretary Colby has promised to lay the matter before President Wilson.

When the allied conference was first called it was announced that this country would not be represented and some officials believed this decision would not be changed.

San Remo, Italy, April 17—(By The A. P.)—Whether the United States will be represented at the conference of the allied nations called to meet in San Remo was a question which had not been answered here as the chief representatives of the powers gathered today for the sessions which are to begin next Monday. Premier Nitti reached San Remo a day ahead of time to receive the delegations.

The conference will have as its program an endeavor to settle three or four of the great problems now disturbing Europe. One of these is what action shall be taken respecting the carrying out of the treaty of Versailles so that it may be made plain to Germany that the allies regard it as a binding instrument. Others are the determination of the future of the Turkish empire and the final framing of the Hungarian peace treaty. The Adriatic settlement is also a possible subject for consideration, while the international exchange problem is another likely to be considered.

Premier Nitti was at the railway station before 8 o'clock this morning to receive Camille Barrere, the French ambassador to Italy. Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, chief of the British Imperial Army Staff, arrived by automobile from Marsilia with their staffs for luncheon. Later in the day Premier Millerand of France, Marshal Poch and others of the French representatives, and Baron Matsui, the Japanese ambassador at Paris, reached San Remo on a special train.

Washington, April 17—At the time of the first announcement that the allied nations would hold a conference at San Remo it was said at the state department that the United States would not be represented and it is understood there is no change in this decision.

The United States has not been formally represented at the peace conference since Under Secretary Polk left Paris last December. Ambassador Woodrow Wilson has attended some of the meetings of the conference of ambassadors at Paris but purely in the capacity of an observer. When the allied supreme council met at London Ambassador Davis was present.

The report which had been circulated that the allied conference at San Remo would consider the immediate admission of Germany to the League of Nations is regarded here as extremely improbable. It was pointed out that the covenant of the League provides for the admission of new members, which fulfill the requirement for membership on a two-thirds vote of the assembly of the League. Therefore Germany's application, should she make one, should be addressed to the Secretary of the League of Nations, it is pointed out, instead of to the San Remo conference.

TO ELECTRIFY S. A. RAILROAD

General Electric Company Awarded \$2,000,000 Contract.

Schenectady, N. Y., April 17—The International General Electric Company announced today it has awarded a \$2,000,000 contract for the first electrification of steam railroads in South America—a 28 mile stretch of the Paulista Railway between Jundiahy and Campinas, Brazil. Including double track and siding the total mileage to be electrified is 78. Electric operation is expected to begin in July, 1921. Ultimately it is expected that 100 more miles of the main line will be electrified, including the new system to Sao Carlos. Eight freight and four passenger locomotives for the first project will be built at Erie, Pa.

FRAZEE WANTS TO KEEP SCHANG

Boston, April 17—An injunction restraining Walter Schang from playing with the Lebanon club of the Bethlehem Steel League, or any team other than the Red Sox will be sought by the Boston Americans, President H. H. Frazee said today. He said he had given instructions to this effect to the club's counsel in Philadelphia.

Schangs, according to President Frazee, is under contract to play with the Boston club for the next two years. The catcher, who is reported to have demanded an advance from the \$4,500 he received last year to \$12,000 as this year's salary, has announced that he is going to give his place to another batsman.

PRICE OF FOOD ALMOST DOUBLE

Meat prices were so high in the local markets today that it was practically impossible to get the usual Saturday supply except at a cost almost double that of a few weeks ago.

Vegetables also are way up although the markets were abundantly supplied.

Reports from New York markets indicate that there is abundant supplies of meat, vegetables and all food supplies and state that there should be no advance in prices on account of an alleged scarcity.

The trade newspapers say sugar is being covered by some unscrupulous jobbers who are insisting on an exorbitant profit, but predict that the boom in sugar will soon collapse and that those engaged in the corner will lose considerable money.

The fishing fleet which leave Bridgeport harbor every day are making great catches of flat fish off the north shore of Long Island and are disposing of their fish at the public float on the north side of the Stratford avenue bridge.

Yesterday Captains Metzger and Weeks sold about twenty-five bushels of flat fish there. The high cost of meat at the local markets causing a number of people to patronize the fishermen.

Overalls Bidding Fair To Have Great Vogue

Sharon, Pa., April 17—An overalls club formed at Wheatland, Pa., near Sharon and one of the first to be organized in western Pennsylvania has gone so far in its zeal to protect the high cost of clothing as to impose a penalty upon members for failure to don denim.

Any member who fails to wear overalls at all times will be ducked in the Erie canal by his fellows, according to a club agreement. The club is composed of business and professional men.

Williamsport, Pa., April 17—Over 100 clerks and officials in the Williamsport division office of the Pennsylvania railroad have organized the first "overalls club" in this city, the men pledging themselves to wear either overalls or old clothes until the high cost of clothing comes down.

Plans are being made to form other clubs throughout the Williamsport division.

Binghamton, N. Y., April 17—Five hundred employees of the International Lumber Recording Co. of Endicott, a suburb of this city, have formed an

overalls club in an effort to reduce the high cost of clothing.

San Francisco, April 17—The vogue of overalls for business wear is spreading throughout the Pacific coast from California to Vancouver, B. C., today as a protest against the high price of clothing and as an effort to reduce clothing costs.

Members of the editorial staff of the San Francisco Examiner, from assistant managing editor to copy boys, agreed to a mass meeting April 22 to discuss the advisability of donning denim.

All employees of the Salem, Oregon, postoffice except carriers appeared today in overalls. Carriers telegraphically announced today they were asking permission to discard their uniforms for clothes similar to those of their fellow workers.

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New York, April 17—Shorts in Stutz Motor stock which was taken off the New York Stock Exchange by Allan A. Ryan, chairman of the company, after exchange suspended trading in it, announced today they did not consider themselves obligated to deliver stock they sold short because there was an illegal corner in it.

Charles A. Morse, chairman of a protective committee representing the short interests, said:

"The official statement of the New York Stock Exchange shows not only that a corner exists in Stutz stock but that Mr. Ryan expressly admitted existence of such a corner to the exchange. We are advised by counsel that corners are combinations contrary to public policy; that they are illegal and that such corners are undetainable in support thereof is void."

At a meeting held last night in Odd Fellows' hall, in Broad street, the Federal Building and Loan association was organized and officers elected. The new organization is similar to the Bridgeport Building & Loan association, which was founded in the city 32 years ago, and William F. Shuman and John P. Stankish, of the older organization, delivered short addresses last night. The officers elected at last night's meeting are:

Charles F. Greene, president; James E. Burns, vice-president; Harry R. Lush, secretary and William E. Meyer, treasurer. Directors, Sumner Simpson, Harry H. Pritchard, John A. Cornell, Seward Price, Francis Dunnigan, James L. McGovern, Will R. Nichols, Harry B. Curtis, John F. McElroy, Arthur F. Connor, Lynn W. Wilson, Charles H. Wheeler, Daniel E. Johnson, Patrick H. Howard and William B. Bristol. Auditors, Geo. Hugo, F. T. Langanhan, William E. Hogan and Attorney William W. Bent. The next meeting of the Federal Building & Loan association will be held Friday night, in Odd Fellows' hall.

NEW HAVEN STORE ROBBED

Boston, April 17—The police today detained three men who came into the city in an automobile which was found to contain 40 new suits of men's clothing and articles which the authorities said constituted a burglar's kit. The clothing was marked "Styleshop, New Haven." The men, who gave the names of Jacob Goldberg, Morris Friedman and Charles Grossman, said that the clothing and tools were given them at Providence, R. I., last night.

TO STOP WOMEN VOTING.

Boston, April 17—A ruling that women may not vote in this state until the State Constitution has been amended or Congress passes an act making the Federal amendment effective was made today by Attorney General J. Weston Allen.

PREMIER ACCUSED BY JURY

Viscount French and Others Charged With Murder.

Cork, Ireland, April 17—Charges of wilful murder against Premier Lloyd George were brought in the verdict of the jury in the inquest into the death of Mayor MacCurtain of this city, assassinated last month, which was rendered today.

The verdict also charges Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Ian MacPherson, former chief secretary, and several police inspectors with murder.

WAGE DEMAND HEARINGS START

Claim N. E. Steamship Co. Won't Give Men Old Jobs.

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TANK STEAMER CALLS FOR AID

Reported By Wireless She Was Fast Filling With Water.

London, April 17—The British tank steamer Hotham Newton, from Ardrossan, Scotland, March 14, for Philadelphia, which this afternoon sent out a wireless call for assistance, tonight reported by radio that she was fast filling with water and her pumps were out of commission, according to Queenstown dispatch to Lloyds. The wireless said:

"Necessary to reach ship with all dispatch. Dynamo will last about one hour. Water gaining fast and all pumps useless. Main fires all awash. Weather moderate." The destroyer Terarch, sent out to aid the Hotham Newton, reported by wireless this evening that she expected to reach the distressed vessel at 7 p. m. A tug also has been sent to the assistance of the ship.

The Hotham Newton is a vessel of 2,648 gross tons and was built in 1913. She is owned by the Lennards Carrying Company, Ltd., of Middlesbrough, England.

STILL HOPING AGAINST HOPE

Boston, April 17—Hope of relief from prohibition requirements is still manifested by the liquor dealers. As in other years when there was no ban, applications for licenses to make, to bottle and to sell intoxicating liquors are flooding the local licensing board. Morning newspapers today carried column after column of the necessary advertising notices that applications had been filed. They referred to all classes of liquor sales from the bar privilege to drugstore permits. Licenses are customarily issued on May 1.

HELD UNDER \$1,000 BONDS.

Charged with altering United States money, Armand Donalds, 24, and his wife, Mary Donalds, 23, of Milford, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Hugh J. Lavery yesterday afternoon. The man was held for trial under bonds of \$1,000 and the woman was paroled in the custody of her attorney, David A. Cronin. The couple were arrested by Secret Service agents Wednesday afternoon.

ASSAULT CHARGE NOILED.

Charges of assault against John Nurzin, of 33 Hallett street, were nulled upon the payment of \$5 by the City court this morning. Nurzin was arrested yesterday afternoon after he had engaged in an altercation with Mrs. Lena Nutwick, also of 33 Hallett street.

REPORT STRIKERS RETURN TO POSTS

Secretary Daniels To Speak At Banquet

Indications were this noon that the capacity of the Stratfield ball room will be taxed Monday night to accommodate all those who are to attend the banquet to be given under the joint auspices of the Sequoyah society and the executive board of the Democratic party at 8 o'clock. Reservations were pouring in all this morning and have been coming in a steady stream all through the week. The toastmaster of the banquet will be John A. Cornell, town chairman of the Democratic party, who will be introduced by Lawrence J. Gallagher, chairman of the banquet committee.

The principal speakers of the evening will be Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy; Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the National Democratic committee; W. H. Head

Arrest Assailant Who Shot Night Watchman

Caught in the act of attempting to rob the office of the Salts Textile company's plant, about 8 o'clock last night, William Holleran, 17, of 282 Newfield avenue shot Michael Savino, a night watchman of 693 East Main street. Holleran, who is employed by the Connecticut Electric company, was arrested by Detective Sergeant Edward Wheeler and Detective Jack Garrity this morning and is now being held on charges of attempted robbery and assault with intent to kill.

Savino was making his rounds in the building about 8 o'clock last night, and upon entering the office discovered a man crouching behind a desk. The intruder gave himself up, and Savino conducted him to another room for the purpose of calling the police. The man suddenly reached into his pocket, drew a revolver and shot the watchman through the jaw. He then fled from the building.

The wounded man managed to reach a telephone and summoned the police from the second precinct. He was taken to the Emergency hospital, where it was discovered that the bullet entered his jaw, passed through the neck and shoulder and then out of his body. At the hospital, Savino told the police that the man who shot him was a young fellow formerly employed in the office.

As the result of a quick investigation, suspicion pointed to Holleran alone, and he was placed under arrest while at work this morning. Savino, who is now in the Bridgeport hospital identified the young fellow this morning, as did also a chauffeur who happened to be passing the Salts Textile mill last night, when Holleran was leaving the plant. Holleran at first denied any connection with the crime, but later confessed that he entered the building and shot the watchman. He will be arraigned for trial in the City court on Monday morning.

Women May Receive Permanent Positions

New York, April 17—Volunteer crews again operated many elevators in New York today in an effort to break the strike of union operators. The volunteers included tenants of buildings, club members and business men. Women who ran elevators during the war also were pressed into service and some building owners declared they would be given jobs permanently, regardless of the outcome of the strike.

GENERAL STRIKE IS THREATENED

Silesian Workmen Protest Against French Occupation.

Copenhagen, April 17—Reports received here from Oppeln, upper Silesia, state that the town is without water or light because of a strike of the workmen in protest against the French occupation, in advance of the plebiscite in this district. The messengers allege that the occupying troops are arresting and ill-treating numbers of citizens.

A general strike throughout Upper Silesia is threatened, the advices add.

Several big warehouses in Hamburg, six miles south of Hamburg, have been burned, it is announced in all dispatches received from that town. The buildings were stocked with foodstuffs, and the loss on the contents alone is estimated at 25,000,000 marks. The fire occurred on April 15.

STRAW HATS ARE TO COST MORE

New York, April 17—Straw hats are going up this year, it was said yesterday at the convention of the National Association of Men's Straw Hat Manufacturers of America at the Hotel Astor. The association had a dinner last night by way of celebration.

The reason straw hats would cost more, members said, was that hat makers in Japan who used to work twelve hours a day for 10 cents a day before the war are now getting from \$1.50 to \$2 a day. This year's style in straws, it was said, would be a low crown and a broad brim made of braided straw. Last year's tall-crowned, narrow-brimmed style would return in 1921, the manufacturers said.

HAVE REFUSED MEXICO'S REQUEST

Washington, April 17—Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, told the Senate today that he was informed that the State Department had refused the request of Mexican officers for a permit to transport troops through American territory to move against the anti-Carranza forces in Sonora.

TWO DECREES GRANTED

Ruth DeWitt Freck of Stamford was granted a divorce from George H. Freck of this city by Judge Curtis in the Superior court yesterday afternoon. Intolerable cruelty was the ground. The couple were married December 25, 1916.

The court also granted John Makara of this city a decree from Elizabeth Moore Makara of Paris unknown. The marriage took place March 19, 1913 and the wife is said to have deserted Makara October 12, 1913.

NEW HAVEN R. R. TAKES APPEAL

The New Haven Railroad Co. has appealed to the Superior court for relief from the tax assessed against it by the City of Bridgeport on 2,263 pieces of railroad property having a frontage on Water street. The railroad company claimed the property has a total valuation of \$110,846. The tax commission placed the valuation at \$192,546. The railroad company claims the city's figures are unjust and excessive. The appeal is returnable to the May term.

Strikers Characterize Reports As "False"

Men Walk Out in Small Groups on New Haven—Penna. Raises Embargo on Livestock—Say Chicago Strike Over.

New York, April 17—Railroads reported strikers began returning in small groups to their posts at noon today when the railroad managers ultimatum announcing that they would open their books for a period of 24 hours for men seeking re-employment and reserving the right to refuse to reinstate strikers "considered to have proved unfit for further service," expired.

The executive committee of the strikers characterized these reports as "utterly false" and in a statement issued in Jersey City, where the strikers were meeting, declared the men would not return "without a genuine assurance of increase in pay."

All roads except the New York, New Haven and Hartford, where employees continued to walk out in groups of three or four, announced men were approaching normal. The New York Central's trainmaster reported 50 per cent of the men in the early morning shifts who had gone on strike returned to duty. Railroad officials said volunteer strike breakers on suburban passenger trains began gradually giving way to regular crews.

The Pennsylvania announced the embargo on shipment of livestock had been lifted, and C. I. Leiper, general passenger agent of the New Jersey division of the road, said the road would handle "all livestock shipments offered for movement" and had arranged to handle all perishable shipments located in the market.

All the roads reported movement of freight was increasing gradually. Milk and mail train schedules were said to be normal.

Chicago, April 17—The railroad strike here will be called off today, it was reported at headquarters of the Chicago Yardmen's Association, the "outlaw" union. A mass meeting of the strikers at which they will be advised to return to work, is to be held this afternoon.

The men will be told, it was reported, that their objective had been obtained, that their demands would receive the prompt attention of the railway labor board, and that the new union would continue, with or without the sanction of the railroads.

Boston, April 17—Coal was the prime requisite today of New England's railroads and industries. Continuation of present railroad passenger schedules and the operation of numerous industrial establishments depend upon the amount of coal arriving in this section by Monday.

The New York and New Haven and Hartford railroad announced that it would make drastic cuts in passenger service on Monday unless a substantial amount of coal comes through New England's main gates before that time. More industrial plants were closed today due in most instances to lack of fuel.

Some, however, were unable to procure sufficient quantities of raw materials and continue operation, and could not make long haul shipments of manufactured products. The strike of marine clerks employed by the New England Steamship Company, a subsidiary of the New Haven, complicated the situation. The New Haven has declared an embargo on all freight by steamers between New Haven and New York, thus closing another point of entry into New England. Clerks at Newport, R. I., have joined those already out at a half dozen coast cities.

The food supply of the city was reported as still sufficient for some days. The state commission on the necessities of life has commenced an investigation here as to increases in the price of food as alleged to be due to the shortage of supplies. Mail service was improved on all roads today still there remains an accumulation of parcel post matter at various points.

WOULD RENEW LIQUOR LICENSES

Hartford, Conn., April 17—Fifty or more Hartford liquor dealers applied to the county commissioners today for renewal of licenses, which expire the first Monday of May. The applications are made because of the pending decision in the United States court on the validity of the prohibition amendment.

The commissioners will advertise the applications and proceed in the regular way.

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